

REMARKS

§102 Rejection of claims 8-14 over Britton or Baugh

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 8-14 as being anticipated by Britton (U.S. Patent No. 4,705,331) or Baugh (U.S. Patent No. 5,074,712). To the extent the rejection applies to the amended claims, Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claim 15 contains allowable subject matter. In this response, Applicants have amended Claim 8 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 15. In addition, Applicants have canceled Claim 15.

Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 8 is allowable for at least the reasons stated above, and that Claims 9-14 are allowable for at least the same reasons as allowable Claim 8, discussed above.

Conclusion

The Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the above remarks. Allowance of claims 8-14 is hereby respectfully requested.

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